

Notice of Change in Medicaid State Plan

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The Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration is providing official notification, pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, of intent to file an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. This amendment will be filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The subject of this amendment is TennCare payments to teaching hospitals to support graduate medical education (GME) in Tennessee. Hospitals eligible for these GME payments are Tennessee-based teaching hospitals that are either affiliated with an accredited Tennessee medical school GME program or have a GME program that is accredited with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Eligible hospitals must also have residents performing services for that hospital.

TennCare will make GME payments to qualifying hospitals from a pool totaling up to \$80,000,000 annually, dependent on the availability of state funding. This pool will be divided into two equal sub-pools (up to \$40,000,000 each).

Sub-pool A. Payments to hospitals from Sub-pool A will be based on TennCare utilization. Each qualifying hospital will receive a payment from Sub-pool A based on the hospital's proportionate share of TennCare Adjusted Days relative to all other qualifying hospitals. The payments to all qualifying hospitals from Sub-pool A will total up to \$40,000,000 annually.

Sub-pool B. Payments to hospitals from Sub-pool B will be based on residents. Each qualifying hospital will receive a payment from Sub-pool B based on the hospital's proportionate share of residents relative to all other qualifying hospitals, with added weight given to primary care residents. The payments to all qualifying hospitals from Sub-pool B will total up to \$40,000,000 annually.

These calculations are described in more detail in the draft SPA available on the TennCare website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents2/GmeSpaDraft.pdf>.



The proposed effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2022. TennCare payments to teaching hospitals will total up to \$80,000,000 annually, dependent on the availability of state funding.

Copies of this notice will be available in each county office of the Tennessee Department of Health. Written comments concerning the amendment may be submitted by email to public.notice.tennCare@tn.gov or may be mailed to

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Persons wishing to review copies of written comments received may submit their requests to the same email and/or physical address.

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